



THE PONY EXPRESS

A Monthly Newsletter From Mill Street's Home & School Association



The Naperville District 203 Home & School Association's mission is to encourage and facilitate a cooperative partnership among our students, parents/guardians, and District staff and administration to support and enhance the school experience of each student. Home & School initiates and/or supports various programs through the donation of time and sponsorship from its District school population and community members.

Home & School Executive Board 2017-18

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Final General Home & School Meeting of the Year

Please join Mill Street Home & School for our final General H&S Meeting of the year!

**Tuesday, May 8,
10:00 am in the
MPR.**

We will be recognizing 5th grade parents, who are moving on to Jefferson, who have been Home & School Chairs during their tenure at Mill Street.

Please help us recognize those parents and bid them farewell!



Mill Street Night Out



LAST MILL ST NIGHT OUT OF THE YEAR!!!

Come to Dairy Queen and support Home & School for the last time this year! Dairy Queen is donating 25% of your purchase to Home & School on Wed May 16th from 2 pm - 10 pm. Please bring this flier in and mention Mill St!

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The Mill Street Teachers and Staff invite you to the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, Tuesday, May 8, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the MPR.

The teachers and staff would like to recognize and appreciate all H&S volunteers who have helped in any way this school year!

Please join us!

SFCP and i Support Community-Inside Out Club



SFCP and i Support Community-Inside Out Club would like to thank all the students and parent volunteers that made our April meeting “Friends with Disabilities” such a success!

Please save the date for our final meeting:

May 9th 2:30-3:30 Power Of Character

Please remember to send a message (note or email) to your child’s teacher to release him/her to the MPR for the club meeting. Also, please check your child’s attendance is updated on the Google doc you receive via email. In an effort to assure our children’s safety, attendance is a new requirement of the school.



Mill Street SFCP would like to thank our community partners for supporting the Mill Street Cares Backpacks programs in the 2017-2018 school year.

This year our generous partners were:

*St. Timothy Lutheran Church
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
The Compass Church – Hobson Campus
Girl Scout Troop 55150 – Mill Street 2nd grade*

Each of these organizations has members that are Mill Street families that wanted to lend their support to this effort.

Mill Street Cares Backpacks is a program that provides supplemental nutrition to families that need additional resources over long breaks from school.

The program would not exist without these valued partnerships.

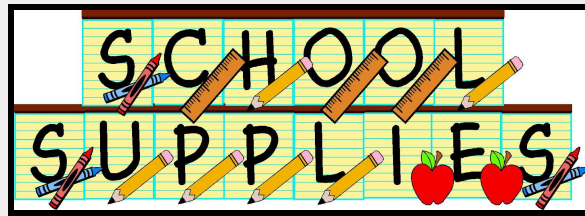
Mustang Stampede is **May 24th!**



We will have two AM sessions.

Parent Volunteers will need to work *both* sessions.

Be on the look-out for a Sign-Up Genius as the date gets closer!

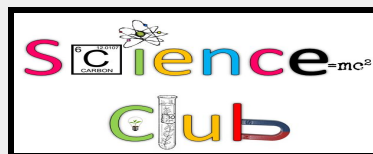


It's that time of the year! Please consider buying your child's school supplies for next year through Home & School. Each kit bought will earn \$2.00 that supports [Mill Street Home & School](http://www.millstreethomeschool.org).

Order Securely Online at www.shaneskits.com

Enter School Code **MILL203**

Online sales will run through
June 15th for delivery to the school, or,
through Sept 1st for delivery to your home.



Science Club's April meeting was a **slime** of a good time! Students worked with states of matter while making two variations of slime, and testing their respective properties. April Science Club ran with the support of our wonderful [Mill St School Staff & Parent Volunteers](#):

Ms. Carrico

Jessica Child

Tracy Ciganek

Ms. Kinder

Sarah Alaimo

Melissa Biles

Mike Velaquez & Crew

Melissa Zbiegl

Cindy Smucker

Anita Ganesh

A huge thank you to Ms. Carrico for her assistance with Science Club this year!!

It has been a joy leading Science Club at Mill Street! Thank you!!

Sarah Gibson Hoag, Carrie Fless and Kelli Nothacker

Mill Street Home & School Committee Chairperson Openings for 2018-19



We only have a few remaining committee chair positions left to fill for next school year. No previous experience necessary. Be a part of making a difference at Mill Street through Home & School! Please contact Cindy Smucker (millstreethands@gmail.com) if interested.

Book Fair (2-3 chairpersons still needed to join committee)

Hospitality (1-2 chairpersons still needed to join committee)

Pony Express Newsletter (1 chairperson)

DVD Coordinator for 2nd & 5th Grade Musicals (1 chairperson)

2017-18 Home & School Executive Board

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Thank you, Home & School Volunteers!

We couldn't have done it without YOU! During the past school year we have had more than 20 Home & School programs and events which involved 400+ volunteers! Thank you to each and every parent who volunteered in some way (big or small) this year! Without your help and support, we could not have offered events such as the Fun Fair, Book Fairs, Classroom Parties, and Mini Courses. Together, we made a difference at Mill Street!

With Appreciation, Your 2017-18 Home & School Executive Board

Appreciation Update:

Administrative Professionals were honored with a special lunch on April 25.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-12. The Appreciation Chairs will be running the famous Teacher Coffee Carts to honor the teachers on Friday, May 11.

School Nurse Day - Nurses will be treated to a special lunch on May 9.

Bus Drivers and Crossing Guards will receive donuts and coffee May 18.

Thank You to all of the staff at Mill Street School!!

The H&S Appreciation Committee

Mill Street Plant Sale Thanks YOU!!



Thank you to all of our generous parents who purchased plants for our Spring Fundraiser! Money from our Plant Sale is used to help cover costs of field trips, Science Club, and more! Thank you also to our wonderful volunteers who help unload plants and fill orders!! If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10coe4aa8ab2fa7fc1-plant>

Plant pick up is on Saturday, May 12th, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the MPR.

We will also have some cash and carry items for purchase!



Thank you to all of the families that came out to support the Mill St Night Out fundraisers throughout the year. **So far we've raised over \$2400!!** Without this support, Home & School wouldn't be able to fund field trips, school assemblies and many other Home & School activities. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Mill St Nights Out next year!

The Mill Street Home & School Exec Board would like to thank this year's Home & School Chairs who worked so hard and dedicated their time and energy to Home & School.

Thank you for all that each of you did to make this year a success!

Appreciation: Daneen Van Hyning and Maureen Matuszewski

Book Fair: Mary Ann Willing, Eunice Chaney, Sandy Markle and Amberle Heath

Box Tops for Education: Monika Bicker

**Cross Town Classic: Andrea Grace, Lauren Ferguson, Tondra Hudson,
Jen Hoeft, Beth Senall, Jen Weber, Janet Williamson**

Directory: Bridget Wolfe

Fall Fundraiser: Sarah Dunne and Kristie Coyle

Fifth Grade Event: Sarah Gibson Hoag, Cindy Smucker, Kristin Fitzgerald, Ciara Love-Hodges, Sarah Dunne

Fun Fair: Sarah Alaimo, Cindy Schulz, Angie Langman, Sandy Morse, Sara Bonert

Helping Hands: Carrie Hess

Hospitality: Lauren Ferguson, Heather Wolf, Jessica Smith Kelly, Susan Czochara

Ice Cream Social: Anne Scharm and Heather Queen

LC (Learning Commons): Kelly O'Malley

Mill Street Night Out: Carly Nguyen

Mini Courses: Deborah Provenzano, Sara Haumesser, Brittney Dougherty

Movie Night: Amy Rossi

Mustang Gift Card Fundraiser/Teacher Allowances: Monika Bicker and Michelle Neumann

Mustang Stampede: Sara Haumesser and Amy Rossi

Pony Express Newsletter: Asli Weil

Red Ribbon Week: Melissa Zbiegiel, Chastity Martel, Kelly O'Malley

Room Parents: Coyanne Inglis

SFCP: Kristin Fitzgerald, Lori Torcasio, Sara Haumesser, Audrey Brodrick

School Supplies: Janet Williamson, Melissa Scacco, Amy Wagner

Science Club: Carrie Hess, Sarah Gibson Hoag, Kelli Nothacker

Spirit Wear: Audrey Brodrick and Kathy Sopkovich

Spring Plant Sale: Carrie Hess and Sarah Gibson Hoag

Vision and Hearing: Lynne Kallstrand

Watch Dogs: Mark Coyle

Yearbook: Angie Baldinger, Melissa Zbiegiel, Heather Queen

IMPORTANT DATES...SAVE THE DATE!

MAY

Performance Series Testing, grades 2-5 April 30- May 8

4th grade Band Concert, 6:30 p.m., May 1

Half Day Institute, May 4

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-12

General Home & School Meeting, 10:00 a.m, May 8

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., May 8

School Nurse Day, May 9

Student Council Meeting (Grades 3-5), 7:15 am, May 11

Environmental Club End of Year Celebration (Grades 3-5)
during lunch (NO MORNING MTG!), May 11

Plant Sale Pick Up, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., May 12

4th & 5th grade Band & Orchestra Crosstown Music Festival at
Downtown Naperville Bandshell, May 14

Mill Street Night Out at Dairy Queen, 2:00-10:00, May 16

5th Grade Event, May 22

Mustang Stampede, May 24

Last Day of School, May 25 (Accounts for snow day)

MAY 2018



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
29.	30. Performance Series Testing Grades 2-5	1. Performance Series Testing Grades 2-5 4th-5th Grade Band Concert 6:00 p.m.	2. Performance Series Testing Grades 2-5	3. Performance Series Testing Grades 2-5	4. Mini Courses 9:00-10:15 HALF DAY INSTITUTE	5.
6.	7. Teacher Appreciation Week Performance Testing Grades 2-5	8. Teacher Appreciation Week Performance Testing Grades 2-5 H&S Meeting 10:00 a.m. Volunteer Luncheon 11:00 -1:00	9. Teacher Appreciation Week School Nurse Day Inside Out Club 2:30-3:30	10. Teacher Appreciation Week	11. Teacher Appreciation Week Student Council Mtg 7:15 a.m Environmental Club Lunch Celebration	12. Plant Sale Pick-Up 10-12 Kane County Cougars Reading Reward Baseball Game 1:00 p.m.
13.	14. 4th-5th Band & Orchestra Crosstown Music Fest -Downtown Naperville	15.	16. Mill Street Night Out @ Dairy Queen	17.	18. Bus Driver and Crossing Guard Appreciation Day	19.
20.	21.	22. 5th Grade Event	23.	24. Mustang Stampede	25. <u>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</u>	26.
27.	28. MEMORIAL DAY	29.	30.			